

16 Days of Activism in South Gippsland

The 2023 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence has begun, with services and organisations across Gippsland getting involved in the Let's Chat Gippsland campaign to prevent gender-based violence.

Our community is not safe for everyone. Violence against women and girls is particularly widespread. The Let's Chat campaign aims to challenge the harmful attitudes that perpetuate and normalise gender-based violence as well as the breadth of the issue in our community.

From 25 November until 10 December, Gippslanders are encouraged to start a conversation, whether it be with their family, friends, colleagues, students or neighbours.

In South Gippsland, there are a number of events happening to help facilitate those conversations. These include:

- **Walk Against Family Violence:** Wednesday 6 December 12.00pm meeting in front of Leongatha Memorial Hall.
- **Photo pop-up with Artist PollyannaR:** Thursday 7 December from 12.00pm to 3.00pm in the laneway next to Memorial Hall, Leongatha.

To view the other events happening across Gippsland, please visit: www.16daysgippsland.com.au

Quote attributable to Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

"The Let's Chat campaign shines an important light on the violence experienced by people in our community, particularly women. I hope you all take the opportunity to learn more about the breadth of the issue in South Gippsland and what you can do to help put a stop to this needless violence. We can all learn more by having constructive and respectful conversations with each other. Let's put an end to gender-based violence in South Gippsland."

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